## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

A recording apparatus for optical recording media in which pre-pits which carry recording position information are formed in advance and a data signal is recorded in 5 accordance with said recording position information, comprising:

a gate signal generating section for generating a gate signal in accordance with said data signal;

a pre-pit signal generating section for generating a pre-pit signal from a signal read from said optical recording medium;

a gate circuit for generating a pre-pit pulse train by allowing said pre-pit signal to pass therethrough in response to said gate signal;

a pulse extractor for extracting pulses of predetermined waveform from said pre-pit pulse train; and

a synchronization signal generating section for generating a recording synchronization signal based on said pulses of predetermined waveform.

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2. The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said pulse extractor detects the magnitude of said pre-pit signal at the time of switching in said gate circuit to extract the pulses by using the detection

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- 3. The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said pulse extractor extracts the pulses according to the magnitude of said pre-pit signal at a point of time delayed by a predetermined time from said switching time.
- 4. The recording apparatus according to claim 1, comprising an address decoder for generating address information from said pre-pit signals,
- wherein pre-pit signals outputted from said pre-pit signal generating section are supplied to said address decoder without passing through said gate circuit.